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Applicant(s): YAO, et al.

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For: BIOMASS RESIN COMPOSITION, PROCESS FOR PREPARING THE SAME AND MOLDING MATERIAL USING THE BIOMASS COMPOSITION

Art Unit: 1711

Examiner: Ana Lucrecia WOODWARD

LETTER

April 24, 2006

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
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Sir:

The Office Action mailed March 23, 2006 in the above-identified application required restriction between the inventions of groups I and II, and required an election of an ultimate species for each of the materials of the (1) "biomass substance", and (2) the "reactive substance", and if group II is elected, also for (3), the "at least one substance" as set forth on pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action.

Responsive to the Office Action, applicants hereby provisionally elect for further prosecution on the merits in this application the invention of group I drawn to a biomass resin composition. Claims 1-13 are drawn to the elected invention.

Applicants further elect a species of "lignocellulose substance" for the "biomass substance" material and elect a species of "phenols and phenol derivatives" for the "reactive substance" material, in response to the requirement for such further elections. Claims 1-13 read on the elected species.

An early action on the merits is requested.

To the extent necessary, applicant's petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortages in the fees due in connection with the

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